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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated July 30, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 30, 2003 asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: first embodiment described in pages 18-27 of the specification;

Species II: second embodiment described in pages 27-33 of the specification;